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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM

1. DURING MY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA JULY 20, I NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM WHICH HAD BEEN RELEASED EARLY IN THE MORNING OF JULY 17, HAD BEEN VERY GENERAL WITH RESPECT TO TIMING, STATING ONLY THAT GENERAL ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD NO LATER THAN JUNE 1977. I ASKED WHEN THE GOVERNMENT PLANNED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC.

2. OREJA TOLD ME THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO REFINE A CALENDAR AND IN FACT A DRAFTING COMMITTEE OF THE "POLITICAL MINISTERS" (WHICH INCLUDES VICE-PRESIDENT OSORIO, INTERIOR MINISTER MARTIN VILLA, JUSTICE MINISTER LAVILLA ALSINA, OREJA HIMSELF AND POSSIBLY ONE OR TWO OTHERS), WAS MEETING LATE THIS AFTERNOON TO GO OVER MANY OF THE QUESTIONS STILL TO BE DECIDED, SUCH AS DATES OF REFERENDUM, THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE REFERENDUM, ETC. HE IMPLIED THAT A FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING FOLLOWING THE NEXT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, JULY 23.

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